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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT CONTAINED IN THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE AUGUST 22 CABINET MEETING OF THE REPORT GIVEN BY DEFENSE MINISTER PERES REGARDING HIS RECENT MEETING WITH GENERAL SIILASUVUO.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND COL. S. LEVINSON, IDF LIAISON OFFICER WITH THE UN FORCES IN THE REGION, REPORTED ON THEIR MEETING WITH GENERAL SIILASUVUO, COORDINATOR AND COMMANDER OF THE UN FORCES.

3. THE FOLLOWING ISSUES HAD BEEN RAISED WITH GEN. SIILASUVUO:
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A. AN EGYPTIAN TENDENCY TO VIEW THE COASTAL AREA AS BEING UNDER EGYPTIAN CIVILIAN CONTROL. ISRAEL'S VERSION IS THAT THE AREA IS UNDER UN CONTROL. ON THIS ISSUE, GEN. SIILASUVUO PRESENTED A SATISFACTORY REPLY ON BEHALF OF THE EGYPTIAN WAR MINISTER, TO THE EFFECT THAT HE DID NOT NOW PROPOSE TO RAISE A QUESTION REGARDING ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER IN THE AREA'S STATUS FROM WHAT HAD BEEN DETERMINED IN THE INTERIM AGREEMENT.

B. MOVEMENT OF BEDOUIN FROM THE RUMANI-BALUSA AREA IN THE NORTH SOUTHWARD, CONTRARY TO WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. A PROMISE WAS RECEIVED THAT CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE ISSUED TO PREVENT THIS MOVEMENT.

C. THE POSITIONING OF THREE MISSILE BATTERIES ON THE WEST BANK OF THE CANAL, CONTRARY TO THE AGREEMENT. GEN. SIILASUVO REPORTED THAT TWO BATTERIES HAD ALREADY BEEN REMOVED, AND THAT THE THIRD WOULD ALSO BE REMOVED.

D. THE PRESENCE IN THE LIMITED-FORCES AREA OF A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BATTALIONS BEYOND WHAT IS PERMITTED UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE REPORTED THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY ISSUE REGARDING WHICH A SATISFACTORY ANSWER HAD NOT YET BEEN GIVEN. THE EGYPTIANS HAD GIVEN GEN. SIILASVUO VARIOUS EXPLANATIONS THAT WERE NOT SATISFACTORY. THEIR CONTENTION IS THAT THERE HAD BEEN A CHANGE IN THE SIZE OF THE UNITS, BUT THAT THEY WERE NOT TRANSGRESSING THE CLAUSES OF THE AGREEMENT AS REGARDS THE TOTAL OF FORCES. ISRAEL REJECTED THIS ARGUMENT, AND INSISTED THAT GEN. SIILASVUO PERSIST UNTIL EXACT ACCORD OF THE (TOTAL OF) FORCES TO THE CLAUSES OF THE AGREEMENT IS ATTAINED. GEN. SIILASUVUO UNDERTOOK TO CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE. THE DEFENSE MINISTER NOTED THAT ON THIS ISSUE, THERE WAS IN THE MAIN NO DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UN.

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4. THE MINISTERS ASKED ELUCIDATORY QUESTIONS, REPLIES BEING PROVIDED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, THE DMI AND THE IDF LIAISON OFFICER WITH THE UN FORCES IN THE REGION.

5. IN THE DEFENSE MINISTER'S STATEMENTS, THERE WAS EMPHASIS THAT ISRAEL WOULD CONTINUE TO ACT FOR

THE PREVENTION OF VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, IN
ORDER TO ENSURE FULL RECIPROCAL OBSERVANCE OF ITS
CLAUSES.

6. THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED THAT AT THE FORTH-
COMING CABINET SESSION THAT WOULD BE TAKING PLACE
CLOSE TO A YEAR FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE INTERIM
AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT, A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW WOULD
BE HELD OF THE YEAR OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT'S
EXISTENCE -- IN ALL ITS RAMIFICATIONS. END TEXT.
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